IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	: Examiner: Q. Vo)
HISASHI ISHIKAWA)	
	: Group Art Unit:	2625
Application No.: 10/611,948)	
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Filed: July 3, 2003)	
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For: A METHOD AND)	
APPARATUS FOR IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING) April 28, 2008	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended to Monday, April 28, 2008 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: